Ministry does not set up any unit directly in any State, but provides assistance for viable project proposals received from different States. These proposals very in size and nature and, therefore, the quantum of assistance to be extended for these proposals also varies subject to certain limits as has been laid down in the Plan schemes as well as the availability of funds under the Plan schemes.

(c) to (e) For preparation of a national perspective plan for food processing industries, an Expert Committee headed by the Member, Planning Commission and 41 members has been constituted.

Environment and Forestry Development Project in Gujarat

1656. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken some environment and forestry development projects in Gujarat State including the tribal areas during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made so far in each case;

(c) the assistance provided in each case; and

(d) the projects likely to be started in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The details of the Environmental and Forestry Projects undertaken by the Government in Gujarat during the last two years 1993-94 and 1994-95 alongwith achievements, both Financial and Physical, are given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 174, Annexeure No. 37]

(d) The Projects are continuing in nature.

पनबिजली परियोजनाओं के निर्माण की मंजूरी

1657. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पर्यावरण के पहलू को ध्यान में रखते हुए किसी पनबिजली परियोजना को प्रारम्भ करने से पूर्व पर्यावरण संबंधी मंजूरी प्राप्त करना अनिवार्य होता है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सिक्किम में 30 मेगावाट की रथोंग-चू पनबिजली परियोजना यकसम का निर्माण कार्य बिना पर्यावरण मंजूरी के ही आरम्भ कर दिया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इसके निर्माण कार्य के आरम्भ से पूर्व पर्यावरण संतुलन बिगड़ने से संबंधित अनियमितताओं की ओर दिलाया गया था; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं। इस परियोजना को पर्यावरण मंजूरी दिसम्बर, 1992 में दी गई थी।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Accrual from Road Transport Taxation

1658. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the accrual from road transport taxation during the last three years;

(b) what has been the pattern of disbursement to various authorities out of this accrual during these years;

(c) whether it is a fact that for the Central Sector roads, the allocation out of these accruals have been meagre, despite large requirements for maintenance as well as for new roads etc; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in what manner the requirements of the Central Sector roads are being met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are no accruals to the Central Government from Road Taxation. Under the Constitution of India, the taxation on Road Transport is within the purview of the State Government. The revenue collected by way of road taxation goes to the concerned State exchequer and forms a part of the State revenue.